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Options
for people with

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Providing options for people with the AIDS virus to receive economical and humane care in the home instead of in a hospital or nursing facility is the goal of the Home Services Program operated by the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS).

WHAT IS HOME SERVICES?

Assistance with personal care, medical care and other help around the house, enabling people with the AIDS virus to live in their homes and communities with their families and friends.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR HOME SERVICES?

Any Illinois resident who as a result of having AIDS or HIV is unable to live without assistance. The person must be eligible for Medicaid, have less than \$10,000 in non-exempt assets, and be in need of hospital or nursing home care, but able to be cared for safely at home for less cost. There are no age restrictions and services are free.



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WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

Personal Assistants (PAs): Help with household tasks, personal care and, with the permission of a doctor, some health care procedures. PAs are selected, employed and supervised by individual clients or guardians.

Homemakers: Household and some personal care from trained and professionally supervised personnel for clients unable to oversee a PA. Instruction and assistance in household management and self-care are also available.

Maintenance Home Health: Medical services prescribed by a physician or other health care professional. Other services include nursing care and physical, occupational and speech therapy.

Electronic Home Response: An emergency response signaling device rented from hospitals or community service agencies allows the individual to alert hospitals, firefighters or police of an emergency anytime day or night.

Home Delivered Meals: Both a hot lunch and a refrigerated evening meal delivered to homes of people who can feed themselves but are unable to prepare food.

Respite Care: Personal assistants or homemakers on a temporary basis, enabling family members and friends to take a break from care-giving duties.

Environmental Modifications: Minor home remodeling enabling people with AIDS to accomplish daily living activities with less dependence on other people.

Foster Care Reimbursement: Reimbursement to families caring for foster children with the AIDS virus to compensate for AIDS-related expenses. Funds provided by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.



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HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Services are provided by community agencies affiliated with DORS. Local agencies will also determine eligibility, develop and implement service plans, keep in weekly contact with clients and help them gain access to other community services. Where local agencies are not available, DORS counselors will manage the cases.

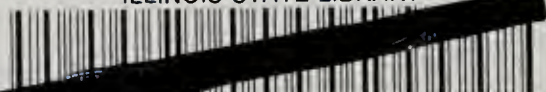
CONFIDENTIALITY

All DORS client information is strictly confidential. Community providers of Home Services will only be told the functional and/or medical needs of clients, not their medical diagnosis.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on how Home Services can help you live with AIDS, call DORS' AIDS Administrative Unit at 217/782-2722 (V/TTY) or in the Chicago area 312/794-4802 (V/TTY), or contact the DORS field office nearest you.

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nearest you call the
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